

Initial: 9/11/02
Reviewed/Revised: 6/1/05
Revision: 3

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
OPERATIONAL POLICY  
PRACTICE STATUS AND  
PRIVILEGES**

Approved by: Patricia Haslbeck, MSN, RN
Approved by: Ronald Pirrallo, MD, MHSA
Page 1 of 1

**Policy:** All EMS patient care providers receiving medical oversight by and contracted to operate in the Milwaukee County EMS system must request and be granted practice status and privileges by the Milwaukee County EMS Medical Director prior to providing patient care.

- I. Minimum qualifications
  - A. Be an active member in good standing of an agency under contract to provide EMS services
    1. Candidates may not have a current or pending disciplinary action or suspension
    2. Candidates are required to sign waivers permitting the EMS Medical Director to review employment and disciplinary files
    3. Provide verification of an acceptable Caregiver's Background check
    4. Provide documentation of the lack of potentially communicable disease (i.e. up to date recommended immunizations; see new student policy)
  - B. Successfully complete probationary employment period of the employing fire department. This qualification may be waived upon written agreement between Milwaukee County EMS and the requesting contractor.
  - C. Have a current State of Wisconsin EMT-P or EMT-B IV license and meet all applicable State rules and regulations.
  - D. After September 1, 2001, all Paramedics new to the system must be NREMT certified.
  - E. Present a certification of completion for the Human Participants Protection Education for Research Teams online course, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.
- II. Minimum competency
  - A. Clinical Evaluation
    1. Produce documentation that meets or exceeds Milwaukee County EMS Education Center level-appropriate course work and skill competencies
    2. Successfully complete Milwaukee County EMS Refresher Course or equivalent course with content to be determined by the EMS Medical Director and the Milwaukee County EMS Education Center
    3. Demonstrate competent level-appropriate, scope of practice during observation by a member of the Milwaukee County EMS Education Center
  - B. Demonstrate competent level-appropriate EMS patient care knowledge and safe patient management during a verbal examination by the Milwaukee County EMS Medical Director
- III. Graduation from the Milwaukee County EMS Education Center satisfies all minimum qualifications and competencies
- IV. Practice Privilege Designation
  - A. The Milwaukee County EMS Medical Director will assign the candidate to 1 of 4 practice privileges:
    1. Full
    2. Limited
    3. Special
    4. Intern
  - B. The Milwaukee County EMS Medical Director will determine the individual's practice privilege after 12 months for an Intern, on a biennial basis for others and upon request.
  - C. Practice Designation remains valid for licensure period or until revoked or modified by the EMS Medical Director.
  - D. EMS provider must maintain or exceed Milwaukee County EMS continuing education, skill benchmark requirements.
  - E. EMS provider agrees to conform to the assigned Milwaukee County EMS Scope of Practice and all Milwaukee County EMS standards, protocols, policies and procedures.
  - F. The Milwaukee County EMS Medical Director's decision is binding and final.